Master Plan for North-Eastern Rivers

3033. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the Master Plan in regard to different rivers of the North-East taken up by Brahmaputra Board;

(b) how many of these belong to State of Tripura and the amount sanctioned against each of them;

(c) whether the amount has not been sanctioned in respect of any of them, if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) the extent of development of works where sanctions are made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The Brahmaputra Board had undertaken preparation of Master Plans for the rivers Brahmaputra, the Barak and tributaries of rivers Brahmaputra, Barak and rivers of Tripura. In all 51 basin/sub-basins were identified in the North-Eastern Region for preparation of Master Plan. The status of preparation of Master Plans is as under-

Approved by Government	-36Nos.
At various stages of approval	- 15Nos.

(b) to (d) Eight Master Plans belong to State of Tripura. Cost of implementation as per these Master Plans are as given below:-

	Sub-Basin	Cost of Implementation (Rs. in crore)	Cost at price level
(1)	Manu	110.81	1999
(2)	Dhalai	70.03	1998
(3)	Burima	55.27	1998
(4)	Juri	13.57	1999
(5)	Muhuri	06.21	1997
(6)	Gumti	19.23	1996
(7)	Khowai	43.78	2000
(8)	Haora	166.21	2000

The approved Master Plans are sent to the State Government for necessary action and implementation.

Tripura Government has carried out works to the tune of following amount in these sub-basins;

	Sub-Basin	Cost of Schemes implemented
1)	Manu	Rs. 26.48 Cr.
2)	Dhalai	Rs. 07.12 Cr.
3)	Burima	Rs. 09.76 Cr.
4)	Juri	Rs. 09.80 Cr.
5)	Muhuri	Rs. 15.46 Cr.
6)	Gumti	Rs. 55.56 Cr.
7)	Khowai	Rs. 10.72 Cr.
8)	Haora	Rs. 09.74 Cr.

Further, under the "critical flood control and Anti-Erosion Schemes under Brahmaputra and Barak Valley in North Eastern States including Sikkim and West Bengal (North Bengal)" for the 10th five year plan, an amount of Rs. 15.04 Crore for 3 schemes has been sanctioned. An amount of Rs. 1.50 Crore has been already released for two of the schemes under this head.

Polavaram Project

3034. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that due to Polavaram Project with the proposed design, 300 villages in 9 mandals in three districts of Andhra Pradesh would be submerged displacing more than 2 lakh tribal people and their livelihood, and

(b) what are the reasons for which the Central Government was allowed to proceed with the present project design when there are better alternative project designs available that obviate such massive submergence?